



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Monday, April 23, 2012

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 p.m. by Mayor Somers.

Members Present: Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Schmidt and Councilor Streeter

Members Absent: Councilor Watson

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Somers.

III. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

IV. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

2012-0117 Resolution Approving Budgets for FYE 2013

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

RESOLVED, that the budgets for the various funds, hereinafter set forth, are hereby approved and adopted and the amounts on the "Total Appropriation" line are hereby appropriated for the functions specified, and the amounts listed under the heading "Financing Plan" are hereby established as approved budget estimates for the type of revenues specified and include all estimated FYE 2013 cash revenues except FYE 2013 property taxes which will be estimated for budget purposes by separate resolution when the FYE 2013 tax rate is set, and further that a complete detailed document indicating all function appropriations is hereby made a part of this record and shall be submitted to the Town Clerk for Public Record, for budgets as follows:

General Fund
Golf Course Fund
Sewer Operating Fund
Solid Waste Fund
Mumford Cove Special Taxing District
Revaluation Fund
Recreation & Senior Activities
Connecticard Fund
Sewer District Fund
Capital Reserve Fund
Fleet Reserve Fund
Computer Replacement Fund

Human Services Assistance Fund

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt, seconded by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0118

Computation of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2013)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2013 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 23, 2012 a General Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$121,143,428 and estimated cash revenues exclusive of FYE 2013 property taxes totaling \$41,319,532 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 20.10 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter IX of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations.

Total General Fund Appropriations per budget approved by Council: \$121,143,428

Less General Fund cash receipts exclusive of FYE 2013 property taxes: \$41,319,532

Less the amount to appropriated from the unallocated fund balance: \$1,919,889.

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$77,904,007

Amount computed as follows:

\$77,904,007 divided by the new assessed valuation (before Board of Assessment adjustments) of \$3,950,357,840 divided by 98.1% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 20.10 mill rate.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Flax, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 7 - Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Schmidt and Councilor Streeter
Opposed: 1 - Councilor Peruzzotti

2012-0119

Computation of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove (FYE 2013)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2013 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE MUMFORD COVE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FUND BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 23, 2012 a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$21,057 and estimate cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2013 property taxes totaling \$50,

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.304 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter IX of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations:

Total Mumford Cove District Fund appropriations per budget approved by Council: \$21,057

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unallocated fund balance of June 30, 2012: \$300.

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of property taxes: \$50

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$20,707

Amount computed as follows:

\$20,707 divided by net assessed valuation of \$68,182,290 (before Board of Assessment adjustments) divided by 100.0% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.304 mills.

A motion was made by Councilor Antipas, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0120 Computation of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District (FYE 2013)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2013 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 23, 2012 a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$1,162,592 and estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2013 property taxes totaling \$30,425 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.25 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter IX of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations:

Total Groton Sewer District Fund appropriations per budget approved by Council: \$1,162,592

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of June 30, 2012: \$515,000.

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of property taxes: \$30,425

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$617,167

Amount computed as follows:

\$617,167 divided by net assessed valuation of \$2,465,636,374 (before Board of Assessment adjustments and excludes motor vehicles) divided by the 98.5% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.25 mills.

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Streeter, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0111 FYE 2012 Fourth Quarter Transfers

RESOLUTION FOR FYE 2012 FOURTH QUARTER TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Town Charter provides for supplemental appropriations to Adopted Budgets and transfers from the Contingency function during the year and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter also provides for the transfer of funds from one departmental function to another departmental function during the last three months of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, transfers are necessary and represent expenditures that were unforeseen or unexpected at the time the FYE 2012 budget was adopted, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$23,000 be transferred from the General Fund Contingency function (#1074) to Voter Registration (#10031) for costs associated with the April 24, 2012 presidential primary.

Refer to RTM.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted and Referred to the Representative Town Meeting, due back on June 13, 2012.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0124 Referral of Godfrey Street Easement to Planning Commission Under CGS Sec. 8-24

REFERRAL OF GODFREY STREET EASEMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER
CGS SECTION 8-24

RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers the request for an easement off Godfrey Street in Mystic to the Groton Planning Commission, pursuant to CGS Section 8-24.

A motion was made by Councilor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Flax, that this matter be Adopted and Referred to the Planning Commission.

The motion carried unanimously

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

Lori Watrous, Office Assistant